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SUBJECT: REACTION TO GOA STATEMENT ON TIMOR

1. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER PEACOCK'S JANUARY 20 STATEMENT ON TIMOR, WHICH WE ASSUME EMBASSY CANBERRA HAS REPORTED, RECEIVED WIDE AND FAVORABLE PUBLICITY IN INDONESIAN PRESS.
2. FONDEPT DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS DARUSMAN TOLD REPORTERS THAT INDONESIA WELCOMED THE STATEMENT RECOGNIZING THAT EAST TIMOR WAS A PART OF INDONESIA, BUT PORTIONS OF THE STATEMENT STILL INDICATED A LACK OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITUATION IN EAST TIMOR. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, "WE BELIEVE THAT ALL THE MISUNDERSTANDING WHICH STILL EXISTS CAN BE FINALLY ELIMINATED".
3. AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY INFORMS US THAT DARUSMAN DID NOT LIKE EMPHASIS ON "DE FACTO" ASPECT OF RECOGNITION IN STATEMENT. ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER AND CONCURRENTLY JUSTICE MINISTER MOCHTAR KUSUMAATMADJA, HOWEVER, DID NOT MENTION PEACOCK'S WITHHOLDING "DE JURE" RECOGNITION, AND DEFENSE MINISTER PANGGABEAN IN JANUARY 23 AIRPORT ENCOUNTER WITH AUSTRALIAN

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AMBASSADOR WAS EFFUSIVE OVER STATEMENT, SAYING THAT TWO GOVERNMENTS CAN NOW PROCEED WITH FAMILY REUNIFICATION PLAN. AUSTRALIANS NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT DEFENSE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT FOR INTELLIGENCE MURDANI HAS LONG MAINTAINED THAT PORTUGUESE FAMILY REUNIFICATION CASES MUST BE HANDLED FIRST AND BELIEVES MORE HURDLES MAY BE ENCOUNTERED BEFORE FAMILY REUNIFICATION PROGRAM CAN BE IMPLEMENTED.

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